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1. REGARDING PARA 3 REF A, EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT GROUP COURTESY CALLS ON GOVERNMENT MINISTRIES WOULD BE IMPRACTICAL, BECAUSE OF THE SIZE OF THE TRADE MISSION (TM) AND THE DISTANCE FROM GULF HOTEL TO MOST MINISTRIES. BETTER PLAN IS TO HAVE TM HEAD, ACCOMPANIED BY AMBASSADOR, CALL ON KEY MINISERS. ALL CONCERNED MINISTERS WILL BE INVITED TO ATTEND THE RECEPTION AT THE GULF HOTEL. THE EMBASSY WILL ATTEMPT TO ARRANGE BRIEFING AT HOTEL BY THE MOST SENIOR SUB-MINISTERIAL LEVEL PEOPLESIN THE AGENCIES MOST INVOLVED IN ELECTRICAL POWER, I.E. COMMUNICATIONS, COMMERCE, AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL.

2.SRE PARA 4 ITEM A, EMBASSY WILL NOT ARRANGE FOR SECRETARY OR BIC SERVICES. THEREFORE PLEASE DELETE ITEMS 10C AND
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10E(2) FROM BUDGET IN REF C. SHOULD A NEED FOR THESE SERVICES DEVELOP AT THE LAST MINUTE, IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS THROUGH HOTEL.

3. FOOD AND BEVERAGE MANAGER OF GULF HOTEL HAS ESTIMATED RECEPTION COST (ITEM 10E(1) TO BE SOMEWHAT LOWER, AROUND R.O. 325 RATHER THAN 360. PLEASE

CABLE FICAL DATE ASAP.

4. REGARDING VIP TREATMENT ON ARRIVAL, THE EMBASSY HAS SOUGHT TO ARRANGE FOR USE OF THESE FACILITIES. HOWEVER, VIP LOUNGE NOT NORMALLY USED FOR TRADE MISSIONS AND MINISTRY OF COMMERCE DOES NOT FEEL IT IS APPROPRIATE. MOREOVER, THE USE OF SUCH FACILITIES SLOWS DOWN CLEARING CUSTOMS.

5. RE PARA 6 REF A, GULF HOTEL INFORMS US THAT IT HAS NOT BEEN CONTACTED BY AMERICAN EXPRESS. EMBASSY SUGGESTS AMERICAN EXPRESS SEND ANOTHER MESSAGE (TELEX MB 3416, CABLE GULFHOTEL).

6. EMBASSY IS CHANGING RESERVATIONS AT GULF FROM 15 DOUBLES TO SINGLE ROOMS, AS FAR AS POSSIBLE, PLUS SUITE FOR TM DIRECTOR, WHICH WE ASSUME IS STILL DESIRED. PLEASE CONFIRM THAT THIS IS CORRECT. SHOULD IT BE DESIRED THAT WE MAKE ADDITIONAL RESERVATIONS FOR THOSE ACCOMPANYING TM BUTSNOT ACTUALLY PART OF THE DELEGATION, WE WOULD NEED CONFIRMATION OF THEIR NAMES AND COMPANY AFFILIATION.
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